



TONTO NATIONAL FOREST

NEWS UPDATE

Tonto National Forest, 2324 East McDowell Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85006 www.fs.usda.gov/Tonto

For Immediate Release
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Contact: Fire Information Officer
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Picket fire on Tonto National Forest

Superior, Ariz. May 9, 2011, noon

Fire Name: Picket

Incident Commander: John Johansen

Time/Date Started: May 8, 1139 hrs.

Location: Near Boyce Arboretum, Superior, Ariz.

Lat: 33 16 5.5

Long: 111 11 20.8

Acres: 1,200

Cause: Unknown; under investigation

Terrain:

Fuel: Grass and Sonoran Desert

Contained: 40%

Resources committed:

Personnel: 82

2 Type 2 crews

5 engines

1 Type 3 helicopter

Estimated Cost to Date: \$150,000

Structures threatened: None

Summary: Fire has settled down. It is less windy today. Minimal spread/backing fire expected to the southwest. Plan to hold existing control lines and begin mop-up today.

Roads: Hwy. 60 is open (since 7 pm yesterday).

Closed: Boyce Thompson Arboretum closed today.